

wherein said grip means includes, at least, a latching element that is movable between an outward orientation and an inward orientation nearer said central entry axis, and

wherein said latching assembly further includes, at least, an inward positioning means for maintaining a predetermined distance between said latching element and said central entry axis during said inward orientation.

44. (Amended) Apparatus of Claim [29] 28, [wherein said latching element defines a first latching element,] wherein said engagement means [further] includes, at least, a first latching element, a second latching element, and [wherein said housing member includes, at least,] separation means for maintaining separation between said first latching element and said second latching element.

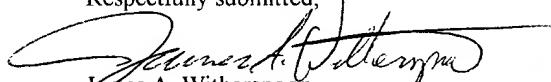
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are being submitted in response to the Notice of Allowability dated May 2, 1995. Applicant would first like to express his sincere appreciation for all of Examiner Dino's assistance with the present application.

Secondly, Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered. Applicant submits that the foregoing amendments do not require the Examiner to take any substantive action because amendments are made only to dependent claims; none of the allowed independent claims have been amended.

Applicant further request that the Examiner call the below-signed if there are any problems entering the above amendments. The below-signed will gladly provide further support for entry of the amendments if necessary.

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